

FISCAL NOTE

SB 3500 - HB 4040

March 4, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Exempts the State from having to file wage statements with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development for state employees. Authorizes relatives of crime victims to file for reimbursement of funeral and burial expenses from the Criminal Injuries Compensation Account under certain circumstances. Prohibits the payment to a health care provider for conducting a sexual assault forensic exam from being just cause to deny a victim other payments to which the individual may be entitled under state law. Removes requirement for State Treasurer to maintain a separate reserve in the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund for payments to victims of drunk driving. Makes other technical corrections regarding allocations to the Drunk Drivers Compensation Fund, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, and the Victims of Crime Assistance Fund.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

State Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures –
\$60,000/Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund

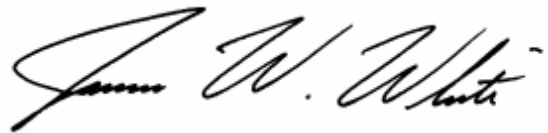
Assumptions:

- According to the Treasury Department, exempting the State from having to file wage statements with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development for state employees will not have a significant impact on state revenue or expenditures.
- A minimum of 20 claims per year requesting reimbursement of funeral expenses.
- The average funeral/burial payment is estimated to be \$3,000.
- The increase of state expenditures attributable to reimbursing funeral expenses is estimated to be \$60,000 (20 funerals x \$3,000 = \$60,000) per year.
- The Treasury Department indicates no significant impact to state revenue or expenditures resulting from victims of sexual assault being entitled to other forms of payment under state law.

- The Treasury Department indicates that technical corrections involving the Drunk Drivers Compensation Fund, the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund, and the Victims of Crime Assistance Fund simply align state law with current practice. Therefore, no impact to state government resulting from these changes of law.
- According to the Department of Revenue, this bill will not result in any significant impact to state revenue or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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